



# MILFORD

## Worcester County



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## NARRATIVE

### **Narrative**

The Town of Milford is a thriving community of over 25,000 residents, conveniently located along I-495, with easy access to Boston, Worcester and Providence over major highways.

Milford offers many advantages to residents and visitors alike; an education system with modern facilities and excellent curriculum offerings, newly constructed/rehabilitated municipal buildings, playing fields and parks for active and passive recreation, major shopping malls and a revitalized downtown, an active Cultural Center, a regional hospital and a variety of restaurants and hotels.

Sports and arts are both an integral part of the community fabric; Milford has a reputation for developing excellent musicians and athletes.

Political awareness is encouraged early; as a result, many Milford residents have embraced careers in public service, both at the local and state level. Milford also proudly acknowledges native son Dr. Joseph E. Murray, who pioneered in the area of organ transplants. In 1990, Dr. Murray was the recipient of the Nobel Prize for medicine.

Milford is known the world over for its unique pink granite, discovered in the 1870's and quarried for many years thereafter. Milford pink granite continues to grace the exteriors of museum, government buildings, monuments and railroad stations in Boston, New York, Washington. D.C. and Paris, France.

Visitors and residents of Milford enjoy such annual events as the Portuguese Picnic, the Firefighters' Family Day, summer band concerts, the Welcome Santa parade and many others.

(Narrative supplied by community)



# GEOGRAPHY

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## Location

East central Massachusetts, bordered by Upton on the west; Hopkinton on the north; Holliston, Medway, and Bellingham on the east; and Hopedale on the south. Milford is 18 miles southeast of Worcester; 30 miles southwest of Boston; 32 miles north of Providence, Rhode Island; and 190 miles from New York City.

**Total Area:** 14.87 sq. miles

**Land Area:** 14.60 sq. miles

**Population:** 25,355

**Density:** 1,737 per sq. mile

## Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(West Medway Station)

Normal temperature in January.....23.9°F

Normal temperature in July.....70.8°F

Normal annual precipitation.....46.6"

## U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Milford, Holliston, Franklin, Blackstone

## Regional Planning Agency

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

## Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Boston



# GOVERNMENT

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## Municipal Offices

Main Number: (508) 634-2303

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

## Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Executive Secretary

Representative Town Meeting

## Year Incorporated

As a town: 1780

## Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	12,565		
Democrats	5,481	43.6	%
Republicans	1,448	11.5	%
Other parties	2	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	5,634	44.8	%

## Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



# DEMOGRAPHICS

**Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000**

Geographic Area: Milford town, Worcester County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	26,799	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	26,799	100.0
Male.....	13,006	48.5	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	1,168	4.4
Female.....	13,793	51.5	Mexican.....	84	0.3
Under 5 years.....	1,923	7.2	Puerto Rican.....	608	2.3
5 to 9 years.....	1,903	7.1	Cuban.....	38	0.1
10 to 14 years.....	1,827	6.8	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	438	1.6
15 to 19 years.....	1,521	5.7	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	25,631	95.6
20 to 24 years.....	1,226	4.6	White alone.....	24,264	90.5
25 to 34 years.....	4,182	15.6	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	4,711	17.6	Total population.....	26,799	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	3,783	14.1	In households.....	26,475	98.8
55 to 59 years.....	1,335	5.0	Householder.....	10,420	38.9
60 to 64 years.....	940	3.5	Spouse.....	5,625	21.0
65 to 74 years.....	1,569	5.9	Child.....	8,287	30.9
75 to 84 years.....	1,363	5.1	Own child under 18 years.....	6,267	23.4
85 years and over.....	516	1.9	Other relatives.....	1,060	4.0
Median age (years).....	36.6	(X)	Under 18 years.....	271	1.0
18 years and over.....	20,152	75.2	Nonrelatives.....	1,083	4.0
Male.....	9,580	35.7	Unmarried partner.....	498	1.9
Female.....	10,572	39.4	In group quarters.....	324	1.2
21 years and over.....	19,426	72.5	Institutionalized population.....	260	1.0
62 years and over.....	4,006	14.9	Noninstitutionalized population.....	64	0.2
65 years and over.....	3,448	12.9	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	1,311	4.9	Total households.....	10,420	100.0
Female.....	2,137	8.0	Family households (families).....	7,197	69.1
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	3,485	33.4
One race.....	26,324	98.2	Married-couple family.....	5,625	54.0
White.....	24,909	92.9	With own children under 18 years.....	2,662	25.5
Black or African American.....	362	1.4	Female householder, no husband present.....	1,164	11.2
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	29	0.1	With own children under 18 years.....	663	6.4
Asian.....	473	1.8	Nonfamily households.....	3,223	30.9
Asian Indian.....	234	0.9	Householder living alone.....	2,670	25.6
Chinese.....	104	0.4	Householder 65 years and over.....	993	9.5
Filipino.....	23	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	3,678	35.3
Japanese.....	18	0.1	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	2,999	23.0
Korean.....	45	0.2	Average household size.....	2.54	(X)
Vietnamese.....	27	0.1	Average family size.....	3.08	(X)
Other Asian <sup>1</sup> .....	22	0.1	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	17	0.1	Total housing units.....	10,713	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	1	-	Occupied housing units.....	10,420	97.3
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	5	-	Vacant housing units.....	293	2.7
Samoa.....	1	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander <sup>2</sup> .....	10	-	occasional use.....	31	0.3
Some other race.....	534	2.0	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.4	(X)
Two or more races.....	475	1.8	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	2.9	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			HOUSING TENURE		
<i>or more other races:<sup>3</sup></i>			Occupied housing units.....	10,420	100.0
White.....	25,345	94.6	Owner-occupied housing units.....	6,744	64.7
Black or African American.....	459	1.7	Renter-occupied housing units.....	3,676	35.3
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	86	0.3	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.76	(X)
Asian.....	539	2.0	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.14	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	37	0.1			
Some other race.....	838	3.1			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

<sup>2</sup> Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

<sup>3</sup> In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



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# HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

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**Home Sales** (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

**Subsidized Housing Units** (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

**Public Housing Units** (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State:	288
Conventional Federal:	65

**Rental Assistance**(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP:	80
Federal (Section 8):	270



# TRANSPORTATION

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## TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Milford is situated in the Greater Boston Area, which has excellent rail, air, and highway facilities. State Route 128 and Interstate Route 495 divide the region into inner and outer zones, which are connected by numerous "spokes" providing direct access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston.

### Major Highways

Principal highways are Interstate Route 495, the outer belt around Boston, and State Routes 16 and 140, which connect Milford to other towns in the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor. The Massachusetts Turnpike (Interstate Route 90) passes to the north through Upton and Grafton.

### Rail

Commuter rail service to Back Bay Station and South Station, Boston, is available from neighboring Franklin. Travel time from Forge Park to BBS: 49-61 min.; 722 MBTA parking spaces. Conrail provides freight service to Milford. Contact number: (617) 783-6222

### Bus

Brush Hill Transportation provides rush hour service to Boston M-F; bus service to Framingham connects with Boston buses and trains.

### Other

The Norfolk Airport, a General Aviation (GA) facility, is easily accessible. It has a 2,700' asphalt runway with a copter approach. The Hopedale Airport, also a GA facility, is located off of Route 140 in Hopedale. It has a 3,250' asphalt runway and also accommodates copters.



# CULTURE AND RECREATION

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## LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

## MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

Milford Historical Museum  
Memorial Hall Cultural Center  
30 School Street  
(508) 478-1780

## RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

**Recreational Facilities** (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



# MISCELLANEOUS

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## HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

### Hospitals

Milford Whitinsville Reg Hospital

### Long Term Care

Blaire House Ltcf Of Milford

Geriatric Auth. of Milford N.H.

Milford Meadows Skilled Nursing

### Hospices

None

### Rest Homes

None

### UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)



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